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Consent of the Governed

THE Tucson Citizen, which is the ablest and most active opponent of joint statehood in the territory of Arizona, copies but does not answer, the Journal's article on "government by the consent of the governed" in which we called attention to the fact that the anti-statehood folks are the people who attempt to deny other people the privilege of saying whether they want statehood or not, and are therefore the advocates of government without the consent of the governed.

Our Arizona neighbor, while not denying the crucial fact to which we called attention, appended a few remarks for the purpose of breaking the force of it, and these, when critically considered, are not very complimentary to the Arizona people. For instance, the writer makes this astonishing declaration:

"The 170,000 people of Arizona would be at the mercy of the 400,000 of New Mexico. This would mean the government of Arizona by New Mexico. It would mean the taxing of Arizona by New Mexico. It would mean the destruction of the institutions of Arizona by New Mexico."

Is that the way you do over in Arizona? Does the majority oppress the minority? Does the majority destroy the institutions of the minority? If so you are throwing a very wet blanket upon our enthusiasm for joint statehood, because we had supposed all the time that the Arizona people were thoroughly up to the line of the best American citizenship, like the people of New Mexico, and inspired with the American spirit of fair play and a square deal. But how can we hold to that belief any longer in the face of the fact that the experience in that territory of our Tucson contemporary has been such as to teach him that the majority will always outrage the minority? Is there really a demand for missionaries to teach the first principles of American citizenship in Arizona, or was the Tucson man talking through his hat?

Public Opinion

STATEHOOD for all the "contiguous territories," is the sentiment of practically the whole of the American people, but as to the form in which these territories shall be erected into statehood there is some diversity of opinion, though not much. The following, which we find as an editorial in the Chicago Evening Post, expresses the opinion entertained upon the subject by nearly all the people of the United States outside of the territories themselves:

"On one hand are the advocates of creating a state for each one of the territories named. This plan has had the interested and active support of the territorial officers, the mining companies and most of the politicians.

"The reason for their preference for four states is a very natural one; since the alternative to the bill admitting four states is a bill admitting only two, the advantages of the former lie in the fact that four separate state governments will provide for twice as many governors, senators, representatives and state officers as two states.

"Those members of the senate and house of representatives who have made a long and hitherto successful fight against the four-state bill wish to consolidate Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and Arizona and New Mexico as another. They are willing to admit two states so constituted because the population is sufficient to justify such a concession; but they are opposed to the creation of a state having less than 30,000 voters who will send to congress two senators and one representative, giving this handful of electors a representation in the senate equal to that of any other state, even though Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York have from thirty to fifty times as many voters.

"When the union was formed, the little states depended on the theory of state sovereignty for securing representation in the senate equal to that of the larger and more populous commonwealths, and that doctrine has been sufficient to enable all states subsequently admitted to obtain equal privileges; but the scandals following the creation of states like Nevada, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho have shown the danger of repeating such experiments.

"While certain influences for a time worked up a strong feeling in Arizona and New Mexico against the joining of the two territories in one state, there has been a steady growth in both in favor of union. Thus four newspapers in Arizona have come out for joint statehood in the last six months, while in New Mexico more than a dozen influential journals are supporting it; and practically all of the prominent men in the territory, outside of the office-holding and office-seeking circles, are advocates of the combination with Arizona.

"These results, which are based upon the growing popular belief in the propriety of the joint statehood bill, in spite of the interested efforts of men who have pecuniary and political reasons for urging admission as separate states, indicate the growth of a healthy and commendable spirit in these communities.

"Probably the admission of new states will be carried through congress at the coming session. The bill admitting each of the four territories as a state is objectionable and dangerous. The interests of all the other states should be considered before the selfish wishes of a small group of politicians in the territories.

"If ever the population and other interests of these communities should so increase as to entitle them to separate state governments, it will always be easy to subdivide them; whereas it would be practically impossible to obliterate a state, even though, like Nevada, it might sink to the level of an unimportant mining camp."

Well Earned Compliment

AN EXCEEDINGLY high compliment has been paid Chief Justice W. J. Mills and Associate Justices John R. McFie and Frank W. Parker by the president in renominating them as members of the judiciary of New Mexico.—Las Vegas News

And the Journal believes it expresses the sentiments of nearly all the people of New Mexico when it adds that the compliment has been fairly earned by capable and faithful service, and was richly deserved. These appointments are strictly in accord with the Roosevelt idea of civil service reform—that is, that when a public servant is found who discharges his duty capably and faithfully, the public interest is best served by keeping him where he is—and that these gentlemen have rendered service of this character is the verdict of the people of New Mexico, by an overwhelming majority.

THE Salt Lake Herald is fighting vigorously against the proposition to admit Arizona and New Mexico as one state. The "nigger" in that word pile is not hard to locate. Our Mormon friends want Arizona admitted alone, because they know in that event they could capture it in a few years, and thus have another Mormon state, which would be impossible should Arizona be admitted in conjunction with New Mexico.

Stories of the Streets and of the Town

Must Keep the Doctor Off the Track.
 The worst thing about this little tale is that the names of the interested parties must be suppressed. That's all there is to it, they can't be made public, and the poor reader will have to grope in ignorance as to the real identity of the individuals. No one could ever guess. But anyway, it's no harm to say that the following letter is written by the head of the medical department of the Santa Fe and is the result of an item which appeared in the Morning Journal not long ago relative to an obstreperous automobile which balked in the middle of the Railroad avenue crossing. The letter follows:

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 15, 1905.
 Dr. Blank, Albuquerque, N. M.
 Dear Sir:—Just called into the general managers' office, a hurried call, and when I arrived at the office, was ushered into the presence of the general manager, who, after very much exercised over the poor time made by passenger trains in the west and who was regretting the fact that our passenger trains in that country were anywhere from one to seven hours late, and I could not understand what I had to do with this, until I was informed by the general manager that we had a very prominent and popular local surgeon in the west who had gone beyond the horse age and was using a Devil wagon. He wanted to know if the medical department had any influence with that man and if they had to try to keep him off the railroad track. He said that the railway company had decided to change their switch yards further south, so as to give the doctor a chance to cross Railroad avenue without delaying trains. Said it would take some time to change it, but it would be done at the end of the month. I wrote this in the kindest spirit to remind you that Devil wagons are liable to raise hell, and give you a little advice: Always wear union-made overalls—they are not only comfortable, but they make a difference if you do get on your back and lay on the ground—they are waterproof. I have only one further bit of advice, and that is to hold on to your old sorrel horse. Do not discard old and tried friends for the new. Do not lose your temper.
 Do not try to be a circus performer with that auto. Always carry a fireman. They come handy. Always carry a full crew and have no trouble.
 Very respectfully,
 DR. BLANK.

The Anti-Jointure Dictionary

(Nogales Oasis.)

Arizona; n: A part of the public domain of the United States, which congress has the power, under the constitution of the United States and repeated judicial decisions, to treat as it pleases, but which power should be exercised only in overturning decisions of the supreme courts of the territory and of the United States, declaring invalid fraudulent railway bonds, and compelling the people to pay for railroads which were not built and do not exist.

Briefless Barristers; n: All lawyers—a majority of the Arizona bar—who support the proposition to create the state of Arizona under such terms as congress will grant.

Commerce; n: California produce underselling Arizona produce in the home market by virtue of discriminating railway tariffs.

Curios; n: A board from Flagstaff or a stick of timber from Williams—anywhere in southern Arizona—another case of railway discrimination.

Defenders; n: Those who would keep Arizona within the grasp of non-taxpaying corporations.

Diabolical; adj: To follow the tactics of the anti-jointure people and write friends in congress that you favor jointure, and asking them to support it.

Enemy; n: An Arizonan who honestly believes that the commonwealth would be enriched by adding thereto the counties of New Mexico to have the help of their taxable property in bearing the expense of government, and the weight and influence of their people in securing enactment of laws to make the great corporations bear their fair share of taxation.

Egotist; n: One who holds there are two sides to the question of jointure.

Friend; n: One who prefers to import from California for home consumption commodities Arizona can and should produce.

Financier; n: One who pushes through congress enactments validating fraudulent railway bonds that have been declared invalid by decisions of the territorial and United States supreme courts, thus making taxpayers pay for railroads which do not exist.

Liar; n: One who asserts that the people of Arizona are not unanimous against jointure.

Mind Reader; n: A congressman who knows all that the people of a county are thinking while he crosses it on a train traveling at the rate of forty miles an hour.

Self Government; n: Working hard in congress to prevent that body enacting a bill to enable the people of Arizona to vote down a constitution—because of a fear that they will adopt one.

Patriot; n: One who thinks the tail should wag the dog.

Statesman; n: One who is elected to congress during many consecutive terms upon promises to secure statehood; and afterward secures election upon promises to defeat it—and fails to keep either promise.

Traitor; n: One who prefers citizenship in a great state to residence in a small territory.

The Worst to Come.
 Johnson—Is it really true that your wife has left you?
 Jamison—Yes, and that's not the worst.

"Why, what do you mean?"
 "I've just had a letter saying that she's coming back!"—Translated from Tales From Family Journal.

Confirmed.
 The safe which was recently stolen from Haxell's Hotel was discovered last week in a lonely spot on Wenden Flat, but its contents estimated at \$25, were missing. This confirmed the police theory that the object of the theft was to obtain the contents of the safe.—Lynch Punch.

Enlightened.
 "Pa, what are halcyon days?"
 "Well, pay days, among others. Now go out and play on the fire escape. I want to read about this insurance investigation."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Uncle.
 "The watch you carry is an heirloom, is it not?"
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 "May I see it?"
 "Well—see you see, his brother has it now."—Cleveland Leader.

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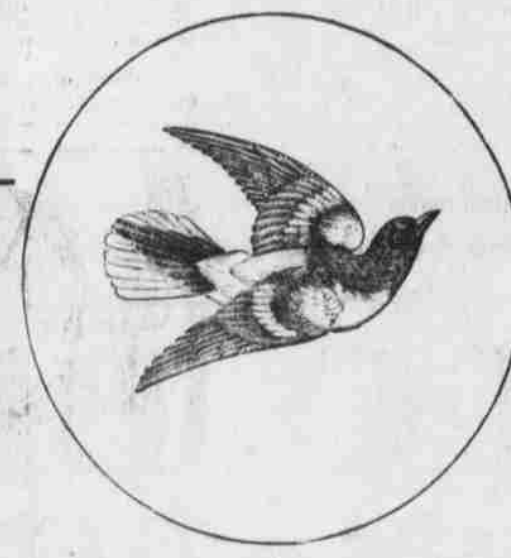
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